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## Hundreds to compete at Manchester in Science Olympiad

On Saturday, Jan. 22, the invitational will bring, 15 high school teams and five middle school teams totaling about 400 students to the North Manchester campus. There will be more than 30 events and competitions, with activities that include solving forensic cases, codebreaking and constructing machines such as ping-pong parachutes and musical instruments. Manchester University's invitational is one of five invitationals in the state this year. Invitational tournaments are a stepping-stone for regional competitions, where the top teams compete for a spot in the 2022 Science Olympiad State Tournament. Science Olympiad is a national organization that has provided premier competition opportunities in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) events for more than 30 years. For more information, visit [www.soinc.org](http://www.soinc.org).

## Second Harvest to hold tailgate food distributions

Second Harvest Food Bank of East Central Indiana has planned tailgate food distributions for 11 a.m. Wednesdays, Jan. 26 and Feb. 23 at Bachelor Creek Church of Christ, 2147 Indiana 15; and noon Wednesdays, Feb. 9 at Manchester Church of the Brethren, 1306 Beckley St., North Manchester. For more information, visit [www.curehunger.org](http://www.curehunger.org), [classy.org/campaign/hunger-action-month/c299182](http://classy.org/campaign/hunger-action-month/c299182) or <https://www.givepulse.com/group/203410>.

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# Ex-coach indicted on felony child seduction, porn charges

Rick Brewer, 58, of Marion, had an initial court hearing Tuesday

By ROB BURGESS  
Wabash Plain Dealer Editor

A former Northfield High School (NHS) coach and teacher has been indicted on felony charges of child seduction and possession of child pornography.

Rick Brewer, 58, of Marion, was head coach of the NHS varsity boys basketball team for three seasons, starting in 2018 and ending in 2021.

Brewer was also an assistant coach of the NHS varsity girls softball team from 2020 to 2021, including during their state championship run last year.

On Wednesday, Jan. 19, Wabash Police Department (WPD) public information officer Capt. Matt A. Benson said they had been investigating allegations against Brewer.

Benson said the Wabash County Circuit Court Grand Jury indicted Brewer on two counts of child seduction and one count of possession of child pornography.

Brewer was formally charged and the initial court



Provided photo

The Wabash County Circuit Court Grand Jury indicted Brewer on two counts of child seduction and one count of possession of child pornography.

hearing was on Tuesday, Jan. 18.

"A criminal charge is merely an accusation. Every defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty," said Benson.

According to court records, Brewer was initially charged Wednesday, Jan. 12 with a felony count of child seduction in which a child care worker engages in sexual intercourse or other sexual conduct with a child, a felony county of child seduction in which a child care worker engages

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Chronicle-Tribune file photo

Rick Brewer, 58, of Marion, was head coach of the NHS varsity boys basketball team for three seasons, starting in 2018 and ending in 2021. Brewer was also an assistant coach of the NHS varsity girls softball team from 2020 to 2021, including during their state championship run last year.

# Secretary of State candidates face off in a crowded field

Sullivan's campaign raises over \$318K in the final six months of 2021

By ROB BURGESS  
Wabash Plain Dealer Editor

As the primary filing season continues, the increasingly crowded race for Indiana Secretary of State is heating up.

Secretary of State Holly Sullivan filed to seek the Republican Party's nomination for Secretary of State on Monday, Jan. 10.

Sullivan is joined by two competitors for the Republican nomination. Diego

Morales served as senior advisor to Vice President Mike Pence while he was governor of Indiana. And, in November 2021, former Newton County Circuit Court clerk Kyle D. Conrad also announced his intentions to seek the nomination.

The Indiana Republican State Convention will take place in Indianapolis on June 18.

Though the primary season is just starting, Sullivan's campaign has already banked a significant amount of money. Sullivan filed her end of the year campaign finance report Tuesday, Jan. 18, and reported \$318,819.13 raised in the final six months of 2021, said

campaign manager Whitney Peterson.

"As Secretary Sullivan travels the state sharing what she is doing to fight for safe and secure elections, she is garnering broad support. Over 350 Hoosiers from all corners of the state have partnered with the campaign through financial support," said Peterson.

Sullivan visited Wabash last month to meet with Wabash County Clerk Lori Draper.

Sullivan said she was running to "continue protecting the integrity of Indiana's elections."

Sullivan is an automotive engineer, small business owner, wife and mother. Sullivan and her husband

of 25 years, Chad, live and raise their three children — Dalton, Savannah and Sawyer — in Evansville. Before taking office as Secretary of State in March 2021, she served eight years as State Representative for northern Evansville and Newburgh. As the current Vice-Chair of the Indiana Republican Party, Sullivan "supports conservative causes and candidates across the state," said Brian Gamache, of Sullivan's campaign.

Sullivan said during her time in office, she has partnered with local officials to increase election safeguards with improved equipment.

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# Owner shuts down local AM station

Wade Weaver continues to run 3 stations after returning license for 1600 WARU AM to FCC

By JARED KEEVER  
Peru Tribune Editor

One of Miami County's long-running radio stations can no longer be heard on the AM dial.

The AM station 1600 WARU went off the air at the end of September and

the station owner turned the license back in to the Federal Communications Commission.

"That's what you do when you don't want to operate," Wade Weaver told the Peru Tribune on Friday.

Weaver also operates the FM counterpart 101.9 Rocks as well as 105.9 The Bash and its AM counterpart WJOT 1510. He has also represented District 1 on the Wabash City Council since January 2021.

Weaver said the decision to shutdown the local AM station was purely financial. "It was losing money daily," he said.

Weaver bought the local stations in 2011. At the time, he had been managing them for a few years, he said, and they were being simulcast.

Over years he tried to change things up to keep the AM station afloat.

"We would run ball games ..." he said. "I tried many formats."

In recent years it was running oldies, but Weaver said fewer and fewer people were listening to AM.

"They are just not doable, really," he said.

Weaver said he finally decided it was time to shutdown the station, enabling him to take down the tower and sell the property it used to broadcast from on Old 24.

That happened in October.

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# Metro North and Southwood to hold kindergarten round-ups

Families should register no later than Monday, March 7

By ROB BURGESS  
Wabash Plain Dealer Editor

Kindergarten round-ups have been announced for Southwood and Metro North elementary schools and

MSD is ready to welcome the Class of 2035, said director of community engagement Laura Langebartels.

Children who will be at least 5 years of age on or before Aug. 1, are eligible to participate in kindergarten for the 2022-2023 school year.

"To begin the journey into kindergarten, it is very important for the incoming

kindergartener to attend kindergarten round-up," said Langebartels.

This year's MSD kindergarten round-ups will take place on Wednesday, March 9 at Southwood Elementary School, 840 E. Indiana 124, and Thursday, March 10 at Metro North Elementary School, 3844 W. 200 North.

Langebartels said families are "highly encouraged" to

register for the kindergarten round-up no later than Monday, March 7.

"To accommodate social distancing, families will be assigned an arrival time based on their availability," said Langebartels.

Langebartels said guests should be limited to only one or two adult guardians with the child. Guardians should bring a copy of the child's

# Every Ind. county now at red COVID-19 advisory level

Millions of N95 masks will be available for free to U.S. residents starting next week

By ROB BURGESS  
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Last week, the Indiana State Department of Health (ISDH) moved Wabash County's COVID-19 advisory level up from orange, the second-highest level, to red, the highest.

During this week's update on Wednesday, Jan. 19, Wabash County remained in the red.

Now, every county in the state is also at the red level as the Omicron variant continues to sweep the state and nation.

At the state level, the Omicron variant is now dominant, overtaking Delta.

As of Tuesday, Jan. 18, 56.1 percent of tested cases in the state were identified as being Delta, while 43.7 percent of tested cases were identified as being Omicron.

However, as of Thursday, Jan. 21, 25.3 percent of tested cases in the state were identified as being Delta, while 74.3 percent of tested cases were identified as being Omicron.

"To further complicate the situation, we are currently dealing with a shortage of rapid tests," said state health commissioner Dr. Kristina Box during a televised press conference Wednesday, Dec. 29. "This is a national problem, not just an Indiana issue."

While this struggle to find tests continues all over the country, a program that began this week may help somewhat relieve that burden soon.

Starting Wednesday, Jan. 19, residential households in the U.S. can order one set of four free at-home tests from the United States Postal Service (USPS) by visiting <https://special.usps.com/testkits>.

There is a limit of one order per residential address. One order includes four individual rapid antigen COVID-19 tests. The orders will ship free starting in late January.

Also, the Biden administration will begin making 400 million N95 masks available for free to U.S. residents starting next week, now that federal officials are emphasizing their better protection against the omicron variant of COVID-19 over cloth face coverings, according to the Associated Press.

The White House announced Wednesday, Jan. 20 that the masks will come from the government's

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official birth certificate and vaccination records with them.

"During the round-up, families will have the opportunity to explore the classrooms, interact with teachers, and complete a readiness screening. Health services such as eye exams, dental checks and vaccinations will not

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BREWER

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in fondling or touching with a child who is 16 or 17 years old and a felony count of possession of child pornography.

The case was opened Thursday, Jan. 13 as Judge Robert R. McCallen III issued an order accepting the indictment along with a warrant.

The initial hearing was held Tuesday, Jan. 18, during which a motion for discovery was filed. Also appearing at the hearing in addition to Brewer were Wabash County Prosecutor William Hartley, Wabash County Probation Officer Jason Fry and Brewer’s attorney Alan Zimmerman. Brewer entered a preliminary plea of not guilty. The trial dates of 8:30 a.m. June 21 and 22; along with a pre-trial conference at 1 p.m. May 23; and an omnibus date of March 21 were set. Brewer paid a \$220 cash bond and a \$10,000 corporate surety.

“(The) defendant may remain out on the previously posted bond. As a condition of bond, he is to have no direct or indirect contact with alleged victim herein,” according to court records.

According to a 2018 article in the Plain Dealer, Brewer had many stops at many

levels in many states in his time as a head coach. Brewer took over the Norse varsity boys basketball program after spending time in Florida as both a high school and college head coach. Before that, Brewer started his career at Daleville and Frankton before a long run at New Castle as an assistant coach with both the boys and girls teams before eventually taking the head coaching position of the girls basketball team. The stop at Frankton saw Brewer deliver the program its first winning season years before becoming the competitive force the program is now in Class 2A. After stops at Oak Ridge High School, Oviedo High School, Warner Southern College, Webber College and Victory Christian Academy in Florida, Brewer returned to Indiana in 2017 before eventually setting his sights on the Northfield position. During the summer of 2018, Brewer practiced with the team and competed in two weeks of games in the Wabash County YMCA Summer League with other county, conference and local foes.

In June 2019, Brewer self-published a novel through Covenant Books titled, “Jeremy Peters: True Lies and Confessions of a High School All-American.” During a September 2019 MSD board meeting,

Brewer was recognized for publishing the book.

“Jeremy Peters is a seventeen-year-old senior,” reads the blurb on the book’s back cover. “He is searching for something. Despite having a girlfriend who loves him, a best friend who is completely loyal, and is the star of the high school football team, he is still searching. Jeremy suffers a potential career-ending injury and then begins a true internal search, which will impact him for the rest of his life. He encounters an unlikely confidant in his archenemy, Bart King. This is Jeremy’s search, a book of true lies and confessions.”

During the July 13, 2021, MSD board meeting, a recommendation to approve Brewer’s retirement “effective immediately” was approved upon a motion was made by Kevin Bowman, seconded by Scott Hauptert and unanimously carried.

On Thursday, Jan. 20, MSD superintendent Mike Keaffaber said they did not have any additional comment on the matter at this time.

No further information was available as of press time. This story will be updated as more information becomes available.

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COVID-19

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Strategic National Stockpile, which has more than 750 million of the highly protective masks on hand. The masks will be available for pickup at pharmacies and community health centers across the country. They will begin shipping this week for distribution starting late next week, the White House said.

This will be the largest distribution of free masks by the federal government to the public since the COVID-19 pandemic began. In early 2020, then-President Donald Trump’s administration considered and then shelved plans to send masks to people at their homes. President Joe Biden embraced the initiative after facing mounting criticism this month over the inaccessibility – both in supply and cost – of N95 masks as the highly transmissible omicron variant swept across the country.

On Tuesday, Jan. 18, the

ISDH announced it had extended its COVID-19 vaccination clinic at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway through Feb. 26 and has revised the hours of operation.

The clinic is being held in the INDYCAR parking lot at 4551 W. 16th St., Indianapolis, across from Gate 2. It offers the Pfizer pediatric and adult vaccines, as well as the Moderna vaccine. Both primary vaccines and booster doses are available.

“Due to a national shortage of rapid tests, individuals seeking testing at IMS should be prepared to receive a PCR test,” stated the ISDH.

If rapid tests are available, they will be available only to individuals age 18 and younger and symptomatic individuals age 50 and older.

Vaccinations and testing are being offered from noon to 8 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays; and from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays.

“Appointments are strongly recommended, but walk-ins will be accepted

while capacity permits,” stated the ISDH.

Individuals who have already scheduled appointments for 4 to 8 p.m. on Wednesdays and Fridays will be notified about rescheduling.

COVID-19 vaccines are available to Hoosiers age 5 and older, and boosters are approved for eligible individuals age 12 and older. Hoosiers can make a vaccination appointment for the IMS site at www.ourshot.in.gov by searching for ZIP code 46222. Individuals under age 18 can only receive the Pfizer vaccine. Parents seeking pediatric doses for children ages 5 to 11 should verify that birthdates are entered correctly when registering to ensure that a Pfizer pediatric dose is available.

To pre-register for a COVID-19 test at the site, visit www.coronavirus.in.gov and click on the testing link at the top of the page, then search for the 46222 ZIP code.

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CAMPAIGN

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Peterson said Sullivan’s time in the Indiana House of Representatives, she worked with the Secretary of State’s office “to pass legislation to protect Indiana’s elections, including authoring the bill that provided funding for critical local cybersecurity improvements in time for the 2020 elections.”

In March 2021, Sullivan was appointed to the Secretary of State position by Gov. Eric Holcomb. Sullivan replaced outgoing

Secretary of State Connie Lawson.

On April 26, 2021, Sullivan announced her candidacy to seek election to a full term in office.

The Democratic side, the party’s only announced candidate for Indiana Secretary of State will be visiting Wabash later this month.

Desteny Wells will be the guest speaker at the Wabash County Democratic Party’s monthly meeting at 6 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 27 at Wings Etc., 1439 N. Cass St., in the events room, said chair Chad Harris.


Harris said the meeting

will be held both in-person and via Zoom for party members.


Wells, an attorney and military combat veteran, officially entered the race Thursday, Jan. 6. The Indiana Democratic Party’s state convention will be held on June 18.

Wells said she plans to immediately pressure Indiana’s Republican legislature on “some of the country’s most restrictive voting laws, like Indiana’s 29-day voter registration deadline, and to advocate against the Bureau of Motor Vehicles’ (BMV) practice of selling Hoosier’s


5-Day Weather Summary




Saturday  
Mostly Cloudy  
31 / 21




Sunday  
Scattered Snow  
30 / 17



Monday  
Mostly Cloudy  
40 / 25




Tuesday  
Mostly Cloudy  
31 / 14




Wednesday  
Partly Cloudy  
25 / 12

Sun and Moon


Today's sunset ..... 5:51 p.m.  
Tomorrow's sunrise ..... 7:57 a.m.




Last  
1/25



New  
2/1



First  
2/8



Full  
2/16

Detailed Local Outlook

Today we will see mostly cloudy skies with a high temperature of 31°, humidity of 42%. South southwest wind 5 to 14 mph. Expect mostly cloudy skies tonight with an overnight low of 21°. West southwest wind 6 to 11 mph. The wind chill for tonight could reach 15°.

Spence Trick of North Manchester named to University of Alabama Dean’s List

Spence Trick, of North Manchester, was named to The University of Alabama Dean’s List for fall semester 2021.

A total of 11,979 students enrolled during the fall 2021 term at The University

of Alabama made the dean’s list with academic records of 3.5 or above (on a 4.0 scale), or the president’s list with academic records of 4.0 (all A’s).

The Dean’s and President’s lists recognize full-

time undergraduate students. The lists do not apply to graduate students or to undergraduate students who take less than a full course load.

For more information, visit news.ua.edu.

Wabash High School announces first semester honor rolls

STAFF REPORT

Wabash High School (WHS) has announced its first semester honor rolls, according to a press release.

High Honor Roll – All A’s

**Grade 12:** Anne M. Cole, Ethan F. Haynes and Alexis R. Satterfield.

**Grade 11:** Alvaro Casado Martinez, Devin M. Coffman, David L. Ford and Maria Del Mar Perez Salas.

**Grade 10:** Natalie A. Adams, Maya R. Drabenstot, Grant S. Ford and Troy A. Guenin-Hodson.

**Grade 9:** Ashton J. Coffman, Ella E. Colvin, Ella M. Hartley, Nonoka Higuera, Kenley N. McWhirt, Kristian J. Stanton and Cole J. Vancamp.

Regular Honor Roll – A’s and B’s

**Grade 12:** Sydney A. Baker, Kalista A. Ballschmidt, Anne M. Cole, Linda R. Cordes, Andrew S. Dinkins, Justin R. Garrett, Ethan J. Hall, Cherysh A. Harlan, Ethan F.

Haynes, Marcus L. Haynes, Mason J. Hostetler, Hunter M. Jones, Breanna N. Keefer, Corinne O. Kugler, Kasey A. Long, Tre’ A. Miller, Brycen A. Niccum, Sierra R. Pelphrey, Lucas C. Roberts, Alexis R. Satterfield, Ashtyn A. Shemwell, Sammy O. Smith and Brooklynn M. Westendorf.

**Grade 11:** Abigale B. Boggs, Elijah C. Callahan, Kiara B. Carmichael, Alvaro Casado Martinez, Devin M. Coffman, Brodie J. Craft, Mason T. Dangerfield, Andrew J. Dillon, David L. Ford, Charity E. France, Jacob D. France, Madisen K. French, Madison R. Holley, Cole K. Hughes, Grace E. La Mar, Haiden E. Lehman, Arthur J. Mccord, Aaliyah Mota, Elena Pena Olalla, Maria Del Mar Perez Salas, Rachel N. Stapleton, Aubrey M. Till, Elliott I. Wiles and Anna M. Yates.

**Grade 10:** Natalie A. Adams, Piper M. Althouse, Cody A. Bever, Chloe J. Bishir, Isaac M. Byers, Dakota J. Castro, Carter J. Dials, Robert S. Doherty, Maya R. Drabenstot, Shyann N. Fish-

er, Grant S. Ford, Jenna N. France, Mollie A. Friend, William R. Galley, Aiden N. Gaston, Troy A. Guenin-Hodson, Karina M. Hernandez, Alexa S. Johnson, Calisen J. Kugler, Calista R. Larrowe, Karigan A. Long, Paloma D. Shull, Madeline G. Smith, Emily D. Stellar, Spencer J. Stout, Noah L. Thompson, Madeline G. Von Uhl, Brooke M. Wagner and Kiera G. Wilson.

**Grade 9:** Olivia K. Braun, Caden R. Carmichael, Tyson M. Carpenter, Ashton J. Coffman, Ella E. Colvin, Shaelyn M. Day, Gretta E. France, Harper A. Gollhofer, Chaz J. Harris, Ella M. Hartley, Trever J. Herron, Nonoka Higuera, Abigail C. Hipskind, Chase E. Howard, Shaylee J. Jacobs, Riley I. King, Kenley N. McWhirt, Olivia L. Mollett, Kasen C. Oswalt, Elijah W. Peters, Sierria K. Rose, Coltyn R. Sellers, Kristian J. Stanton, Sydney B. Till, Cole J. Vancamp, Isabella G. Vander Velden, Macy A. Von Uhl, Emma M. Weaver, Karyn D. Wilcox and Trevor K. Wuensch.

RADIO

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He is now running the remaining three stations from his Wabash location.

Weaver, who says he grew up loving radio, said he doesn’t like that realities

of the business have forced that sort of consolidation and he would prefer to have on-air personalities on 24 hours a day out of each market like stations used to run.

“You just can’t do it,” he said.

The remaining stations

continue to cater to Miami, Wabash and surrounding counties.

“We try to do a lot of local sports,” he said. “I gear everything to that ‘MiBash’ (area).”

Jared Keever, Peru Tribune editor, may be reached by email at jkeever@perutribune.com.

personal information to third parties.”

Wells has practiced law as Associate Corporation Counsel for the City of Indianapolis and Marion County, and Deputy Attorney General for the State of Indiana. Wells left active duty as adjunct faculty with the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College in December, and she continues to serve as a Lieutenant Colonel in the U.S. Army Reserve. From 2016 to 2017, Wells deployed to Afghanistan with the U.S. Army Intelligence and Security Command working with many of the linguists

now resettled in the U.S. Wells only recently entered politics with an appointment as the Deputy Chair for Coalitions and Expansion for the Indiana Democratic Party. She’s a graduate of Hoosier Women Forward, a Democratic women’s leadership program, and is Defense Council with the formidable Truman National Security Project, a group that has seen membership from Hoosier democrats like Secretary of Transportation Pete Buttigieg and Indiana Democratic Party Chair Mike Schmuhl. Wells resides in down-

town Indianapolis with her husband Oliver, also an Indiana Army National Guard Lieutenant Colonel, and their children Owen (stepson) and Harrison. Wells is originally from Martinsville and attended Indiana University and The University of Texas School of Law.

In addition to those four candidates, Jeff Maurer announced his intentions to seek the Libertarian Party’s nomination for the position in August 2021.

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# Obituaries

## Frederick J. Kling Jr.

Frederick J. Kling Jr., 66, North Manchester, passed about on Jan. 18, 2022 at his home.

The loving memory of Frederick J. Kling Jr. will be forever cherished by his wife, Linda (Jayne) Kling; sons, Matthew (Amanda) Kling and Kevin Kling; brother, John A. Kling; sisters, Joanne (Roger) Allen and Julie (Kenneth) Shep-

herd; grandchildren, Gavin, Maya, Grayson, Maleigha, Micah, Winnie and Joey.

Calling is Jan. 22, 2022, from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at McKee Mortuary, 1401 State Road 114 West, North Manchester, Indiana. Funeral services will begin at 1:00 p.m. Burial will be at Oaklawn Cemetery, North Manches-

## Donna Marie Stewart

Donna Marie Stewart, 49, of Wabash, Indiana passed away on Jan. 19, 2022.

Funeral services will be at 2:00 p.m. on January 29, 2022, at McDonald Funeral Homes, 231 Falls Ave., Wabash, Indiana 46992. Burial will follow at Me-

morial Lawns Cemetery in Wabash, Indiana.

Visitation will be from 12- 2 p.m. Saturday Jan. 29, 2022, at the funeral home.

Online condolences may be directed to the family at [www.mcdonaldfunerals.com](http://www.mcdonaldfunerals.com)

## Edward Lee Tarter

Edward Lee Tarter, 66, Denver, passed away at 1:12 p.m. on Sunday, Jan. 16, 2022, at Lutheran Hospital of Ft. Wayne.

A memorial service is being planned in Feb. at the Denver Baptist Church, Denver, with Pastor Bryce Landon officiating. A complete obituary will

be printed later as details are finalized. Private burial will be in Gaerte Cemetery, rural Gilead.

McCain Funeral Home, Denver, Indiana, has been entrusted with arrangements. Condolences may be sent online at <http://www.mcclainfh.com>.

# Church ‘climate change’ denial and struggle to adapt

Journalist Michael Kinsley famously added a twist to American politics when he redefined a “gaffe” as when “a politician tells the truth —

**Terry Mattingly**



some obvious truth he isn’t supposed to say.”

As the Rev. Neil Elliot of the Anglican Church of Canada discovered, this term also

applies to religious leaders.

After seeing 2018 General Synod reports, the denomination’s research and statistics expert produced an analysis that included this: “Projections from our data indicate that there will be no members, attenders or givers in the Anglican Church of Canada by approximately 2040.”

Reactions to his candor varied, to say the least.

“I think of it very much like ... people’s responses to climate change,” said Elliot, updating his earlier remarks in a video posted by Global News in Canada.

Signs of church “climate” change? In the early 1960s, Anglican parishes in Canada had nearly 1.4 million members. But that 2018 report found 357,123 members, with an average Sunday attendance of 97,421. The church had 1,997 new members that year, while holding 9,074 burials or funerals.

Canada’s national statistics agency reported that 10.4 percent of all Canadians were Anglicans in 1996, but that number fell to 3.8 percent in 2019.

People have one of three reactions when faced with these kinds of numbers. The first is “denial,” said Elliot, counting the options on one hand. “People are saying ... ‘It’s not happening.’ Then there’s people who say, ‘We can stop it.’ And then there’s people who say, ‘We can adapt.’

“The ‘adapt’ language is much more rare, and I’m only starting to hear it (in) the media in the last few months,” said Elliot. “That’s what I’m trying to get us to do within the Anglican church. It’s, ‘How do we adapt to it?’ not, ‘How do we stop it?’ or ... people burying their heads in the sand.”

The decline is real and cannot be denied, he said. However, he is convinced this “decline is going to bottom out, or change. That is, IF we are going to take the opportunity to reframe who we are. If we still say, ‘No, we’re all about a prayer book that was written 400 years ago,’ then people are ...

going to arrive at our door-steps and go, ‘Nah. I don’t think so.’”

Various reports indicate, logically enough, that Anglicanism is not the only struggling faith tradition in Canada, a nation in which religious trends tend to emerge earlier than in the United States.

Membership in the United Church of Canada — created nearly a century ago by the merger of four mainline Protestant churches — peaked at 1.1 million in the 1960s. Official reports in 2018 showed 388,363 members, with 120,986 regularly attending services. Meanwhile, Roman Catholicism now represents 32 percent of Canadians over the age of 15, according to StatCan, down from 46.9 percent in 1996.

To the south, leaders in the U.S. Episcopal Church keep seeing similar trends. In official 2020 numbers, the denomination’s membership fell to around 1.57 million — down from 1.64 million a year earlier, and way down from the 3.4 million members claimed in the heady days of the 1960s. Average Sunday attendance in 2020 — a year that included some pandemic numbers — fell to 458,179 from 518,411 a year earlier.

How low can things go? The denomination’s official 2020 spreadsheet indicated that, in the extreme case of the Diocese of Northern Michigan, the average Sunday attendance fell to 233 people out of a total diocesan membership of 908, spread over 21 parishes.

At this point, Episcopalians feel like they are living in the “narthex” between the church life they once knew and the realities seen in the world around them, noted Presiding Bishop Michael Curry’s address — via Zoom — to last fall’s House of Bishops meeting.

“We’re kind of back in our physical church buildings, but kind of not. Narthex. We wonder how many will return,” he said. “The remnant will always return. Narthex.”

At this point, Curry said his priests and people can dream not of easy recovery, but of a “new and re-formed church, not formed in the way of the world. ... No longer centered on empire or establishment, no longer fixated on the preservation of institutions, no longer propping up white supremacy or in collusion with anything that hurts or harms any child of God or God’s creation.”

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## SERMONETTE

# True revelation

By **JERRY GAUTHIER**

There are many places today where people seek answers. It can be using online searching where information is at our figure tips. People might prefer watching it “live” on TV or with some documentary series. Answers over life are sung into the ears of many by their favorite music artists. In a more personal way, the comforting direction can come from family members or close friends. Maybe a memorable teacher or coach comes to mind when making critical decisions. Some even lean upon their inner intuition that seems to know best. All these avenues and many others serve to provide answers, but they far exceed merely the intellectual efforts of the mind.

During the season of Epiphany, which means revealing, the church celebrates what God has made known for a world shrouded in darkness. St. John wrote in His Gospel account stating upfront, “For the law was given through Moses;

grace and truth came through Jesus Christ” (1:17). Where God affirmed His ordered governance over life with Moses, Jesus came as God seeking the lives of sinners. Laws and works give good answers for life, but all are limited and only for a time. This is why John towards the end of His Gospel declares, “... but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name. (20:31).

The various ways to seek answers fall prey to a basic fallacy. It is to find our truth and take comfort in it. In other words, we build idols of all kinds and in every way. It is exactly what Moses witnessed happen right after coming out of Egypt. Israel worshiped a golden calf at Mt. Saini, while the Lord was giving Moses the Ten Commandments. The Law stands opposed to how we want to make life appear as sinful human beings. Consider all the different spins of the news, social media, and distressing ways people have treated

each other during a pandemic. Holding to our self-made truth for answers lacks love for each other, but finally, how turned inward we are against God.

If sinners make their truth, Christ alone seeks us as The Truth. Truly God has become man in Jesus Christ and His will is to reveal Himself as Savior. Not another avenue for answers, Jesus is the life and the light shining upon a world in darkness. Twisted upon the cross and by His victory over sin and death. He now makes truth and love known of Himself to an idolatrous world to believe in the Gospel.

This good news comes now by the distribution of His holy Word and sacraments. The church is not the only place for answers, but a shocking revelation God makes known there. Forgiveness, life, and salvation Jesus brings for you and any. This is not what any seeks after, but God comes with the truth of His love that seeks us.

*Jerry Gauthier is the pastor of Zion Lutheran Church.*

## VIRTUAL AND IN-PERSON CHURCH SERVICES

### Asbury Country Church

On Sunday, Jan. 23 at Asbury Country Church, 1998 E. 250 South, the Sunday school will be at 9:30 a.m. and the worship service will be at 10:30 a.m. The worship and music leader will be Amy Bullick and the piano will be by Cathy Staggs. The morning message from Pastor Mike Bullick will be, “Between You and the Lord.”

### Bachelor Creek Church of Christ

Online services are available by visiting [www.bachelorcreek.com](http://www.bachelorcreek.com).

### Christ United Methodist Church

Worship service will also be live-streamed on our Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/ChristUMC](http://www.facebook.com/ChristUMC) Wabash/.

### Christian Heritage Church

Streaming services online and broadcast on 95.9 FM.

### College Corner Brethren Church

College Corner Brethren Church is now holding in-person services at 10:15 a.m. Sundays at 8996 S. 500 West, with Pastor Solomon David. The sermons are still on YouTube and Facebook.

### Common Ground Prayer House

The Common Ground Prayer House will be open to the public from 8 to 10 a.m. Mondays, except holidays, at 78 W. Hill St. For more information, call Jennifer Mahan at 260-571-8063, Shirley Neale at 260-591-0047 or Debbie Sweet at 260-571-6072.

### Dora Christian Church

At the Sunday, Jan. 23 service at Dora Christian Church, 2325 S. Salamonie Dam Road, Lagro, the minister will be Mark Wisniewski, the song leader will be Olman Sanchez, the pianist will be Sherry Brock and the organist will be Kristy Good. We have two in-person Sunday morning services, one at 8:15 a.m. and one at 10:30 a.m., with Sunday School classes for all ages from 9:30 to 10:15 a.m. The message for both services will be, “A Healthy Church Worships Well,” from Revelation, chapter 4, as part of the January sermon theme of, “Healthcare for the Church.” The Communion Table will be served by John Troyer and Bill Miller. There will be a children’s church for the 10:30 a.m. service to be conducted by John Troyer and Janene Wisniewski. A recorded version of the sermon will also be available for viewing on the Dora Christian Church Facebook group by the morning of Sunday, Jan. 23.

### LaFontaine Christian Church

The LaFontaine Christian Church pre-records the sermon which is then available for all to view at [www.lafontainechristian.com](http://www.lafontainechristian.com) under the sermons tab, stated Pastor Brad Wright.

### LaFontaine United Methodist Church

Pastor Susan Shambaugh says that her LaFontaine United Methodist Church is showing replay videos on their Facebook page, <https://www.facebook.com/LaFontaine-United-Methodist-Church>. In-person services start at 9:30 a.m. Sundays.

### Lincolntown United Methodist Church

Lincolntown United Methodist, 5848 E. 500 South, is going back to one worship service. The worship service is at 10 a.m., and Sunday school is at 9 a.m. For more information, email [pastorjohn1954@gmail.com](mailto:pastorjohn1954@gmail.com) or call 260-563-1406.

### Living Faith Lutheran Church

Welcome to our in-person worship service at 10:10 a.m. Sundays at Living Faith Lutheran Church, 242 S. Huntington St. Bible study and Sunday school are at 9 a.m. for all ages. The sanctuary is arranged for social distancing. Masks are encouraged and available. Online services are at 10:10 a.m., with pre-service music at 10 a.m. For virtual services and more information, visit [www.livingfaithwabash.org](http://www.livingfaithwabash.org).

### Manchester Church of the Brethren

Pastor Kurt Borgmann from the Manchester Church of the Brethren stated they will hold a live-stream service at 9:30 a.m. every Sunday by visiting [www.manchestercob.net](http://www.manchestercob.net). Scroll to the bottom of the home page and click on the black button that says, “Manchester CoB YouTube Channel.” After the service is finished, one may access a video copy of the live stream in the same way. Another way to access the live stream or posted video: go to YouTube, search “Manchester Church of the Brethren,” and click on the circle profile.

### North Manchester Congregational Christian Church

Pastor Sebrena Cline stated live-streaming begins on their Facebook page at 10 a.m. Sundays for the North Manchester Congregational Christian Church, and lasts 30 to 40 minutes.

### North Manchester Missionary Church

The North Manchester Missionary Church is streaming live on their Facebook page at 10 a.m. Sunday. The video is then placed on their webpage, which can be viewed by visiting [NMMC1.com](http://NMMC1.com).

### Olive Branch Church of God

The Olive Branch Church of God live-streams Sunday mornings at 10 a.m. Find it through Facebook, by searching Olive Branch Church, or by visiting [www.facebook.com/myolivebranchchurch](http://www.facebook.com/myolivebranchchurch) or through the church website [www.olivebranch.church](http://www.olivebranch.church). Click “Live Streaming” at the top, then click the series icon (lion head).

### Richvalley United Methodist Church

Worship at Richvalley United Methodist Church begins at 9:30 a.m. Sundays at 290 N. Jefferson St. Sunday school begins at 10:45 a.m. For more information, call 260-563-1033 or email [rvumc@hotmail.com](mailto:rvumc@hotmail.com).

### Southside Free Will Baptist

Streaming on their Facebook page.

### Sweetwater Assembly of God

Streaming services online using the normal service schedule.

### Urbana Yoke Parish

Rev. Larry Wade of the Urbana Yoke Parish stated that his congregation posts Sunday services to [www.urbanayokeparish.com](http://www.urbanayokeparish.com). Go to the menu line at the top of the page and select “Worship Videos.” The most recent one will appear first. Sunday services are posted by noon every Tuesday.

### Wabash Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

Welcome to Wabash Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), 110 W. Hill St. In-person worship is at 9:30 a.m. on Sunday mornings in the sanctuary or via live-stream for the church at home on the Wabash Christian YouTube Channel. Access is also available on our Facebook page and website [wabashchristian.org](http://wabashchristian.org). Stephen Eberhard is the Minister.

### Wabash Church of the Brethren

At Wabash Church of the Brethren, 645 Bond St., services will be at 10:30 a.m. Sunday in person. Masks are recommended. There is no children’s church or Sunday school at this time. You may reach Pastor Doug Veal at the church office, 260-563-5291, on his cell phone at 260-225-3014, or by email at [pastordoug@wabashcob.org](mailto:pastordoug@wabashcob.org).

### Wabash Church of the Nazarene

Pastor Kirk Johnson, of the Wabash Church of the Nazarene, stated their service is available on YouTube on Sundays at 10:30 a.m. Find it by going to YouTube and searching for “Wabash Nazarene” or search Facebook for the Wabash Church of the Nazarene. Another option is to visit [www.wabashnaz.com](http://www.wabashnaz.com), look for the home page, and find “Latest Sermon.”

### Walk by Faith Community Church

At the Walk by Faith Community Church in Roann, Sunday school begins at 9 a.m. and the worship and children’s worship services begin at 10 a.m. The Walk by Faith Youth ministry meets at 5 p.m. every Sunday. “All are welcomed and we would love for you to join us,” said Pastor Judy Tyner. For more information, visit [www.walkbyfaithcommunitychurch.com](http://www.walkbyfaithcommunitychurch.com).

### Wabash First Church of God

The sermon can be seen on YouTube under Wabash 1st Church and heard at 11 a.m. Sunday on 105.9 FM.

### Zion Lutheran Church of Wabash

Pastor Jerry Gauthier says that the Zion Lutheran Church of Wabash is streaming through their Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/zionwabash](http://www.facebook.com/zionwabash) at 10:30 a.m. Sundays.

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## DAILY SCRIPTURE

This God – his way is perfect; the word of the LORD proves true; he is a shield for all those who take refuge in him.

2 Samuel 22:31

# Members of Congress shouldn't be trading stocks

Restoring faith in government is an enormous task. Here's a good way to start: Erect some basic barriers to crookery in Congress.

Lawmakers are privy to all sorts of information that can move financial markets. And they have enormous sway over the economy. And yet, they are still allowed to trade individual stocks. That makes it far too easy for members to abuse their power for their own enrichment – or, almost as bad, to leave the impression that they are doing so.

New legislation from Democratic Senators Jon Ossoff of Georgia and Mark Kelly of Arizona would put an end to that, requiring members of Congress, their spouses, and their dependent children to divest securities and certain other investments or move them into blind trusts. Vanilla investments like diversified mutual funds and treasury bills would not be affected.

"There's a lot of influence that people have and access to a lot of information, and there should be a lot of responsibility that goes with that," Kelly told The Wall Street Journal.

If the policy case for passing the legislation is clear, so is the political case. A December poll commissioned by the conservative advocacy group Convention of States Action found that three-quarters of voters – including overwhelming majorities of Democrats, Republicans, and independents – believe lawmakers and their spouses have an "unfair

advantage" in the stock market. A January poll from the progressive firm Data for Progress found two-thirds of voters think lawmakers should be banned from trading stocks.

Burr steps down as Senate Intelligence Committee chair for duration of probe into his stock sales

That kind of public support should make the Ossoff-Kelly legislation a slam dunk for Democratic congressional leaders, who have seen much of their agenda stall in recent months and are in desperate need of some wins before the midterm elections this fall.

But, apparently, it hasn't. House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, whose husband frequently trades stocks, says she is opposed to investment restrictions on lawmakers. "We're a free-market economy," she told reporters. "They should be able to participate in that."

But owning stock and actively trading it are two different matters, and no one is saying that a lawmaker can't trade after leaving office if they want to put free-market participation above public service.

If Democrats fail to move, they could cede the high ground on this issue to an ethically bankrupt GOP. House minority leader Kevin McCarthy says he may support the push to ban lawmakers from trading stocks if Republicans win control of the narrowly divided chamber in November.

Critics of the new legislation

point out that it's already illegal for members of Congress to trade on insider information under a law known as the Stop Trading on Congressional Knowledge Act of 2012. But that measure, which also requires disclosure of stock market moves within 45 days, hasn't done enough to buttress public confidence in Congress. And it's difficult to enforce because it's harder to prove that a decision to buy or sell a stock is made based on a given piece of information than it is simply to ban active trading.

At the onset of the pandemic, several senators, their spouses, or their investment advisers dumped stock after lawmakers attended private briefings on COVID-19. Some of the sales helped officials avoid hundreds of thousands of dollars in losses when the virus battered the stock market. Lawmakers insisted they hadn't made use of insider information. And they claimed vindication when the Federal Bureau of Investigation closed their cases.

But even when these kinds of cases aren't prosecuted, they can still shake public confidence. And ultimately, public confidence is what matters most here. Trust in government is at worrisome lows. We have seen, all too vividly these past few years, what that can do to a democracy.

So when lawmakers have an opportunity to restore a bit of faith in Washington, they should seize it.

*This editorial was first published in the Boston Globe.*



# The good things that unite us (mostly)

By MARK FRANKE

I have given up all hope of returning to the day of e pluribus unum. I certainly don't expect anyone in Washington D.C. or the New York City media center to repent of their divisive ways and take on this noble cause.

So what? They don't dictate how I live my life or the way I interact with other people. Let them continue to be mired in Donald Trump's undrained swamp, rewriting history to suit their own prejudices and acting more and more as immature juveniles in their incessant name-calling of anyone who isn't marching lockstep to their ideology.

As for me, I don't intend to lead Thoreau's life of quiet desperation. I have too many good things in my life, things I should be thankful for receiving.

Let's talk about music. I have rather eclectic tastes in music, including baroque and blues and jazz and 1960s rock. The American Legion post I frequent usually has blues playing on the jukebox. One of the regulars supervises this and he has eclectic tastes similar but not identical to mine. An added benefit is that the volume is carefully controlled so as not to be obnoxious.

I have a cousin who has a doctorate in folk music, specializing in Hoosier barn dances. Although he lives in Chicago, he visits frequently and stays at our house during his returns to Fort Wayne. He always brings his instruments and we are treated to a mini-concert on most of these visits. He has reawakened in me a love for that old-style music that is in my heritage.

When he was here for Thanksgiving, we had some new

neighbors over and the husband brought his banjo so he could play along. That is another thing that brightens my life – neighbors. Our cul-de-sac is very close, helping each other with leaves and snow work and stepping up whenever one of us has an emergency. A neighborhood boy suddenly developed a brain tumor, blessedly now completely gone. We all had prayers in our hearts and support signs in our yards, violating our association covenants. No one complained.

We get together frequently on our patios in the summer and inside during the more inclement weather. One neighbor has a hobby of collecting vintage movies so we have irregular movie nights. And you can bet that as soon as one of us starts a project of any significance, the others ask if they can help.

We love to talk about our grandchildren, which are the most rewarding part of my senior years. Two of our grandchildren live nearby so they spend a lot of days . . . and nights . . . at our house. I volunteer at the school they attend so at least one morning each week I am the school bus. After a career in higher education, it is so rewarding to spend time volunteering at an elementary school. And I get to see my grandchildren during the school day.

Being at our church's school, I have the opportunity to be a role model for these youngsters. I am an all-purpose volunteer, doing maintenance projects and helping out whenever a teacher asks. One duty I have is to teach flag etiquette to the seventh- and eighth-graders who post and retire the colors each day. I also train these boys to be acolytes at

daily chapel, preparing them to be ushers at Sunday services after their confirmation.

If my life isn't joyful enough already, the calendar tells me that we are less than a month away from pitchers and catchers reporting for spring training. Baseball is the quintessential American sport – no violence but lots of strategic decision-making. The drama of a one-on-one confrontation between pitcher and batter is unique in that it is just the starting point for a team effort to produce either a run or an out.

I am trying to stay positive, but all is not well in my self-imagined nirvana of baseball. The players and owners are arguing over each side's cut of billions of dollars collected from us fans. I suppose that is a lot of money to everyone's thinking other than the Federal Reserve, but still. Do these people understand that the split won't matter if the season doesn't start on time? Shouldn't the commissioner knock some sense into them? Oh, I forgot. The commissioner is Rob Manfred, who views his role as keeping the woke mob happy. He doesn't have time to waste on solving baseball's most pressing problem: the time of games. And that is moot if they don't bother playing.

Needless to say, I am not a fan of Rob Manfred. I only bring this up as a cathartic exercise, which psychologists say is good for the soul. Maybe, but my soul is content with music, neighbors and grandchildren. And, come April, baseball. I hope.

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## LETTERS

### Faith community calls on Sen. Messmer to hear climate bill

As a coalition of Indiana faith communities, we join together with a responsibility to care for our neighbors, the future of our communities and creation. Because of this conviction, we urge the Environmental Affairs Committee – Sens. Messmer (Chair), Niemeyer, Baldwin, Buck, Garten, Gaskill, Sandlin, Zay, Yoder, Niezgodski and Pol – to hold a hearing for Senate Bill 255, which creates a Climate and Environmental Justice Task Force.

While representing a diverse set of faith traditions we all recognize that climate change threatens the health of our society and damages our spiritual relationship with the world around us. In Indiana, we experience numerous consequences of climate change including extreme heat days, severe storms, flooding and poor air quality. While only the 17th most populous state in the nation, we are the eighth largest emitter of climate-changing gases. Our state needs to change its ways by looking toward the future and not remain tethered to outdated policies.

Indiana is uniquely poised to become a leader in turning the tide of climate change. We have major universities to discover new technologies and the industrial infrastructure to manufacture them. We are a leading agricultural state with many opportunities to implement carbon sequestration practices. With the right leadership, we can build our economy and improve the welfare of our citizens while lowering carbon emissions.

Bipartisan SB 255, could finally launch Indiana into that leadership role. This legislation is the culmination of many months of hard work and dedication by Confront the Climate Crisis, a group of concerned Indiana high school students, and their collaboration with Senator Ron Alting. SB 255 creates a diverse multi-member task force to develop an Indiana climate action plan to address climate mitigation while promoting sustainable economic development.

This bill sits in the hands of the Environmental Affairs Committee and will die if it is not given a fair public hearing. Motivated by our faith and representing our communities in the state of Indiana, we call on Senator Messmer, and the other Senators in this committee, to perform their duty as elected public servants by listening to Hoosiers and holding a hearing for SB 255.

**Dori Chandler, Hoosier Interfaith Power & Light Tri-State Interfaith Conference on Creation Care Presbyterian Climate Advocates of Southern Indiana Sisters of St. Benedict of Ferdinand, Indiana**  
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**St. Luke's United Methodist Church's Community for Contemplation and Justice, Indianapolis**  
**Heliene Houdek and Gary Houdek, members of the Environmental Sustainability Committee, Unitarian Universalist Church, Indianapolis**  
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**Creation Care Commission**  
**Pastor Ronnie Bell, Cumberland United Methodist Church**  
**Pastor Bob Whitaker, Board Chair, Creation Care Partners and Senior Pastor, Christ Community Church (formerly Evangelical Community Church)**  
**Frances Lemen, Clerk of Session, First Presbyterian Church of Scottsburg**  
**Rev. Dr. Steven Crain, Pastor, Lafayette Church of the Brethren**

### Science is at the heart of democracy

It's time to remind people that science is not equally favored among all forms of government. Democracies like Rome, Athens and the United States have been celebrated as economic and technological wonders of the world because of their heavy focus on science.

Early democracies placed science personnel in high places in the government, but in monarchies, all knowledge and wisdom came from the king.

In many unfortunate places and times, the people are happy to be lifeless pawns in aristocracies, oligarchies, and monarchies. However, when badly oppressed people become aware of science, they begin to assert power over their lives and look for a better form of government.

Historical science reaches a high state of development and importance in a democracy. A monarchy could care less for it. Dynasties of kings keep records of the propaganda achievements and wars they have fought, but they make little effort to improve the knowledge base by unleashing the memory or creativity of the common folk. An aspiring group of ordinary people wants to know about other people in the past who have become independent, and how they did it, so they go looking for those stories.

They also look about for a political philosophy that supports the view that they can take care of themselves. Science supports the equality of humankind and becomes their friend.

**Kimball Shinkoskey Woods Cross, Utah**



# Lifestyles



Photo by Lynda Balslev for TasteFood

## A recipe for wanderlust

It's wanderlust time, and this year it's a doozy. Thanks to the seasonal convergence of cabin fever, post-holiday decompression and (elephant in the room) pent-up travel cravings, the urge to flee to a far-flung destination is all-consuming. Dreams of leaving the careful confines of our homes and comfort of our fleece jammies (which we now refer to as Day Clothes) tease and distract. Yet, real life persists, and we refrain from jumping on an airplane, as our dreams also happen to collide with practical matters, such as work, school, weather and, yes, a healthy dose of caution.

So why not improvise and bring travel home to your kitchen? Tuck away the passport, hold off on booking a reservation, and turn to your spice cabinet and a cookbook (much less expensive than a plane ticket) for relief and cultural inspiration. It won't be the same as a long-haul vacation, of course, but at least you can stay in your pajamas.

Today, we travel to Morocco. This stew is fragrant

and meaty, softly sweetened with figs, heady with harissa, and redolent with ras el hanout, which is a North African spice blend consisting of an entire shelf of spices, including cinnamon, cardamom, turmeric, ginger and clove. Ras el hanout is an Arabic term that means head of the shop or best on offer.

The blend will vary from cook to cook, or merchant to merchant, and can contain upward of 50 spices. It's an essential ingredient to the deep and rich flavor of this stew. You don't need 50 spices to make your own blend, and most likely you have many of the key spices at home, so I've included a recipe below to make your own. Otherwise, you can purchase ras el hanout in the spice aisle of well-stocked supermarkets.

**North African Lamb Stew With Figs and Chickpeas**  
**Active time: 30 minutes**  
**Total time: 3 to 3 1/2 hours**  
**Yield: Serves 6**  
**2 1/2 to 3 pounds boneless lamb leg, excess fat trimmed, cut in 1 1/2- to 2-inch chunks**  
**Kosher salt**  
**Freshly ground black pepper**  
**2 tablespoons olive oil**  
**1 large onion, chopped**  
**1 large carrot, chopped**  
**3 garlic cloves, chopped**

**1 tablespoon grated fresh ginger**  
**1 teaspoon ground cumin**  
**1 teaspoon ground coriander**  
**1/2 teaspoon ground paprika**  
**1 (14-ounce) can Italian plum tomatoes with juice**  
**2 cups chicken stock**  
**12 dried Turkish figs, halved**  
**1 (2-inch) cinnamon stick**  
**2 teaspoons ras el hanout (recipe below)**  
**1 (14-ounce) can chickpeas, drained**  
**1 tablespoon brown sugar**  
**1 tablespoon harissa or red chili paste**  
**Chopped fresh cilantro leaves for garnish**  
Preheat the oven to 325 degrees. Generously season the lamb with salt and pepper.

Heat 2 tablespoons olive oil in a large Dutch oven or ovenproof pot with lid over medium-high heat. Add the lamb in batches, taking care not to overcrowd the pan, and brown well on all sides. Transfer the lamb to a bowl.

Pour off all but 1 tablespoon fat from the pot (or add 1 tablespoon oil). Add the onion and carrot and saute until soft, about 3 minutes, stirring up any brown bits. Add the garlic and ginger and saute until fragrant, about 30 seconds, then stir in the cumin, coriander and paprika, and stir for 15 to 30 seconds to lightly toast the spices.

Add the lamb and any

collected juices, the tomatoes, stock, figs, cinnamon stick, ras el hanout, 1 teaspoon salt and 1/2 teaspoon black pepper. The lamb should be submerged in the stock. If not, add additional stock to cover.

Bring to a simmer, cover the pot, and transfer to the oven. Cook until the lamb is very tender, 2 to 2 1/2 hours, stirring occasionally. Transfer to the stovetop and stir in the chickpeas, brown sugar and harissa. Simmer over medium heat for 5 to 10 minutes, then taste for seasoning.

Ladle into bowls. Serve garnished with fresh cilantro.

**Ras El Hanout**  
**Makes scant 1/2 cup**  
**1 tablespoon ground cinnamon**  
**1 tablespoon ground coriander**  
**1 tablespoon ground nutmeg**  
**2 teaspoons allspice**  
**2 teaspoons ground cumin**  
**2 teaspoons ground ginger**  
**2 teaspoons ground turmeric**  
**2 teaspoons ground black pepper**  
**2 teaspoons ground cardamom**  
**1/2 teaspoon ground cloves**  
**1/2 teaspoon ground cayenne**

Combine all the spices together in a bowl and mix well. Store in a glass jar in a cool, dark place for up to 3 months.

## Why is it better to wear an N95 than a cloth mask right now?

By **EMMA H. TOBIN**  
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Why is it better to wear an N95 than a cloth mask right now?

Health experts suggest stepping up protection against the highly contagious omicron variant with stronger masks such as N95s or KN95s.

It's especially important now with health care systems under strain, and with people in higher-risk situations such as crowded, indoor settings for extended periods, says Linsey Marr, who studies viruses at Virginia Tech.

The U.S. Centers for Dis-

ease Control and Prevention recently updated its guidance to recommend the kinds of masks used by health care workers, but also noted it's important to pick a mask that fits well and that you'll wear consistently.

"Our main message continues to be that any mask is better than no mask," CDC spokeswoman Kristen Nordlund said in a statement.

Previously, the CDC had said N95 masks should be reserved for health care workers because of supply shortages. There's a special category of "surgical N95" masks that are generally not available for sale to the pub-

lic that the CDC says should be reserved for health care settings.

N95s have a tighter fit to your face than cloth masks and are made with a special material designed to block 95 percent of harmful particles. The fibers are pressed closer together than in cloth masks and have an electrostatic charge that attracts molecules to stick to the mask rather than passing through.

KN95s and KF94s offer a similar level of protection. A full list of masks that meet an international quality standard is available on the CDC website.

But be careful when buy-

ing. The counterfeit market is huge, and about 60 percent of KN95s in the U.S. are fake and do not meet quality standards, according to the CDC.

It's hard to tell just by looking if a mask is counterfeit, so experts suggest buying directly from reputable sellers. Project N95 is also a known seller of valid brands, and Marr says she buys masks through industrial suppliers like Grainger or McMaster-Carr.

If you find certain N95s difficult to wear for long periods, experts suggest exploring the different shapes and styles available to see what works best for you.

## Tapping retirement funds to invest in real estate is a terrible idea

Even if Baltimore State's Attorney Marilyn J. Mosby isn't guilty of the charges brought against her, she is certainly guilty of making a monumentally bad financial move.

**Michelle Singletary**



Mosby, D., has been indicted by a federal grand jury on two counts each of perjury and making false loan applications. The indictment stems from her claim that she experienced "adverse financial consequences" and thus was entitled to withdraw money from her City of Baltimore retirement fund under a pandemic-related provision intended to help struggling Americans. Federal prosecutors allege she lied about suffering a coronavirus-related financial hardship, which would have allowed her to avoid paying a 10 percent early-withdrawal penalty from her retirement account.

The 41-year-old prosecutor has denied the charges, even going before a church congregation Sunday asking for their prayers.

"Without equivocation, I am innocent on the charges levied against me," Mosby told churchgoers. "I have done nothing wrong."

When asked about her use of the retirement money, Mosby attorney A. Scott Bolden said in an interview: "We probably wouldn't comment on that. That kind of gets to the heart of our case."

According to the indictment, Mosby withdrew money from her 457(b) retirement account, once for \$40,000 and another time for \$50,000, to use for the down payments on vacation properties in Kissimmee and Longboat Key in Florida.

"A person should not use funds from their retirement plan to buy real estate," said Ernest Burley, a certified financial planner and owner of Maryland-based Burley Insurance and Financial Services. "I always advise clients to save for any future purchase or project instead of tapping their retirement plan."

Not a single financial professional I spoke with would advise their clients to pull out funds from their workplace retirement accounts to invest in real estate, even in a vacation haven such as Florida.

"Very often people get themselves into trouble financially because of their own poor judgment or bad behavior," said Ric Edelman, host of "The Truth About Your Future," a nationally syndicated radio program. "Retirement accounts are designed to provide you income in retirement. If you want to buy a boat or travel around the world or pay for college, you need to find those assets elsewhere."

The current low-interest-rate environment and supercharged housing markets with property bidding wars are prompting people to make unwise financial decisions, said Carolyn McClanahan, a certified financial planner who founded the fee-only Life Planning Partners based in Jacksonville, Fla.

"I have a lot of experience with people doing these sorts of things in a crazy real estate market," McClanahan said.

The repercussions of using retirement money for this type of investing are fivefold, Burley said:

■ Consider the tax bite. The money that is withdrawn has to be claimed as ordinary income, and the person has to pay income taxes on the withdrawal. "It's not smart," McClanahan said. "You're paying this big income tax bill to invest in something after tax."

■ The impact of a 10 percent early-withdrawal penalty. The indictment accuses Mosby of illegally taking advantage of a provision under the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (Cares) Act to avoid paying a 10 percent penalty for the early withdrawals.

Ordinarily, if you are younger than 59½, you are subject to a 10 percent early-withdrawal penalty on top of the income tax owed on your withdrawal. But under the Cares Act, if you experienced financial hardship related to the pandemic, the penalty was waived for withdrawing money from individual retirement accounts and defined contribution plans, such as a 401(k) or the similar 457(b) retirement account.

However, let's say Mosby is proved innocent. Penalty-free does not mean tax-free. She still has to pay federal and state taxes on the money she took out of her retirement plan.

Here's the bottom line on this point: When you add in the tax hit of withdrawing the money, including a possible 10 percent penalty, you're severely overpaying for the property compared with someone who's buying it without using retirement assets, Edelman said. "And that additional cost makes the financial transaction a very bad deal."

■ You lose the advantage of having your money grow tax-deferred. For instance, let's say you withdraw \$50,000 from your retirement account. That money will no longer be in the retirement plan potentially earning gains for you.

■ Don't discount the debt. If the retirement money is used to buy real estate but the person is taking on a mortgage, they are adding debt to their financial situation, Burley said. "I know people say a mortgage is good debt, but it is debt nonetheless," he said. "So instead of having the money in the retirement plan, the person has added debt to their monthly financial picture."

■ People often underestimate the cost of ownership. Even if the property is purchased in full, it costs money to own real estate — maintenance, insurance, repairs, upkeep, homeowner association fees, etc. Do you have extra funds to cover those expenses and the mortgage if you lose your rental income for any period of time?

I'm feeling a bit of déjà vu. Just before the 2008 housing bust, people lost their minds trying to make it rich in real estate. And we know how that ended. It often ends badly for many people who try to borrow their way to wealth.

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PULSE

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Democratic Secretary of State candidate to visit Wabash

A Democratic candidate for Indiana Secretary of State will be visiting Wabash later this month. Desteny Wells will be the guest speaker at the Wabash County Democratic Party’s monthly meeting at 6 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 27 at Wings Etc., 1439 N. Cass St., in the events room. The meeting will be held both in-person and via Zoom for party members.

‘Bite in the 85’ dining program launches

Visit Wabash County’s “Bite in the 85” will take place through Monday, Jan. 31. The participating restaurants will have the opportunity to offer their specials and deals to the public, including 50 East Garden Center and Café, 950 Speakeasy Bistro, Eugenia’s Restaurant, Harry’s Old Kettle Pub & Grill, Market Street Grill, Modoc’s Market, Pizza King and Twenty. The public will have the opportunity to win gift cards to the participating restaurants and five winners will receive a \$100 gift card. Entries will be collected by filling out a short online form that will be accessible by a QR code on all “Bite in the 85” menus at the participating restaurants. For more information, visit VisitWabashCounty.com/bite-in-the-85.

Wabash Tri-Kappa to hold annual Winter Gala

Wabash Tri-Kappa’s annual Winter Gala fundraiser is set to be held Saturday, Feb. 5 at Heartland REMC, 350 Wedcor Ave. Doors will open at 6 p.m. and dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m. The evening will consist of dinner, catered by Heather Chenault, “a fun, fabulous and very entertaining” dessert auction by Chad Metzger, from Metzger Auction Services and dancing to tunes spun by “Smitty.” A cash bar is also available throughout the evening. The cost for tickets is \$35 a person, and are available from any Tri Kappa member or at Wabash City Hall through Friday, Jan. 28. All profit will go toward scholarships for students from Northfield, Southwood and Wabash high schools and to local charities. For more information, call 765-661-8206.

Salamonie Forest Preschool underway

Preschool-age children and their adults are invited to Salamonie Forest Preschool through May for one Tuesday a month or two Tuesdays a month from 9 a.m. to noon at Salamonie Interpretive Center, 3691 New Holland Road, Andrews, in Lost Bridge West State Recreation Area. Classes for the once-a-month option will be held Tuesdays including Feb. 1, March 1, April 12 and May 3. Classes for the second meeting time each month will also be held Tuesdays including Jan. 18, Feb. 15, March 15, April 26 and May 17. Advance registration is required. Register by calling 260-468-2127. For more information, visit dnr.IN.gov/uwis or facebook.com/upperwabash.

Salamonie ‘Twins Among the Trees’ Forest School underway

Children ages 6 to 13 are invited to Salamonie Forest School at 3691 New Holland Road, Andrews. The class will be offered one Wednesday a month from 9 a.m. to noon at Salamonie Interpretive Center in Lost Bridge West State Recreation Area, Andrews. Classes will be held on Wednesdays: Feb. 2, March 2 and April 20. Advance

registration is required. Limited space is available. Register by calling 260-468-2127. For more information, visit dnr.IN.gov/uwis or facebook.com/upperwabash.

Manchester exhibit honors indigenous identity

Link Gallery at Manchester University offers art pieces by North Manchester resident Briana “Bri” Floor in “Indigi-Flections: Reflections on an Indigenous Identity.” The exhibit continues through Feb. 4. Link Gallery is in Winger Hall on East Street in North Manchester. The public is welcome, and masks are required inside MU buildings.

WHS grads encouraged to apply for the Lucille Camp scholarship

Wabash High School (WHS) has announced that they are preparing to award scholarship funds that have been endowed by the Lucille Camp Scholarship Foundation. To be eligible to receive funds from the Lucille Camp Scholarship Trust, applicants must be either a 2022 graduate of WHS or a student who graduated from WHS within the last three years, in either 2019, 2020 or 2021. Students must have not previously received grants from the trust for more than three academic years. Eligible students may not be related by blood or marriage, within a third degree of consanguinity, to an officer, director, employee or agent of the trustee, which is GBC Bank, who is actively involved in the administration of the trust or the management of its assets. Applications are available in the Guidance Office at WHS or on the Wabash City Schools (WCS) website at https://www.apaches.k12.in.us/under High School-Scholarships. Completed applications are due to the WHS Guidance Office by Friday, March 4. For more information, call 260-563-4131.

Manchester Symphony Orchestra announces 83rd season

The Manchester Symphony Orchestra under Conductor Debra Lynn heads into its 83rd season with these concerts in the works: Trailblazers is March 13, at the Honeywell Center in Wabash, Indiana. It celebrates African-American composer Florence Price and her Symphony No. 1 in E minor. The concert will also feature high school and college winners of the orchestra’s concerto competition. Spaces on May 15, in Cordier is the final concert of the season, showcasing the world premiere of Lynn’s five-movement concerto titled Spaces, written for guest artist Derek Reeves. He is the principal violist of the Fort Wayne Philharmonic. All concerts are at 3 p.m. on Sundays. Masks and social distancing are required.

DivorceCare meets Tuesdays

DivorceCare, a 13-week DVD series sponsored by Wabash Friends Counseling Center, features some of the nation’s foremost Christian experts on topics concerning divorce and recovery, according to group leader Janet Quillen. The support group meets at 6:30 p.m. every Tuesday in the Conference Room in the Wabash Friends Counseling Center, 3563 South State Road 13. Wearing a mask is required when entering. Quillen and members of the group meet for dinner at 5:30 p.m. at Subway, 1812 S. Wabash St., on State Road 15. For more information, call 260-563-8453, 877-350-1658, email office@wabashfriends.org, call 260-571-5235 or visit www.divorcecare.org.

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Miami County Junior Achievement announces Feb. 19 euchre tourney

Fundraiser to be held at Peru Moose Lodge

STAFF REPORT

Junior Achievement serving Miami County has announced their first-ever euchre championship, according to area manager Beth Miller.

The event will be held on Feb. 19 at the Peru Moose Lodge 110 N. Broadway, Peru. The organization is look-

ing for event sponsors, table sponsors and teams to enter into the game. Event sponsors are \$300 and include four teams of two players each. Table sponsors are \$100, teams of two are \$50 and single registration is \$25.

Miller said Junior Achievement serving Miami County provides classes in Peru Community Schools, North Miami Schools and Maconaquah Schools reaching approximately 725 students.

“We strive in teaching students about financial literacy, job readiness and entrepreneurship,” said Miller.

To register, visit https://secure.qgiv.com/for/mcgo/ or send an order form and check to Junior Achievement serving Miami County, P.O. Box 1344, Peru, IN 46970.

For more information, email Courtney Ozminkowski at Courtney.Ozminkowski@FFBT.com or call Miller at 574-551-4698 or email Beth. Miller@ja.org.



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Children who will be at least 5 years of age on or before Aug. 1 are eligible to participate in kindergarten for the 2022-2023 school year.

KINDERGARTEN

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be offered during round-up this year,” said Langebartels. “As parents navigate the important decision of where to send their child to school, the staff of MSD want to help. They encourage parents who are unsure if an MSD school is the right choice for their family to reach out. The Southwood and Metro North staff would be honored to provide information, answer questions, and even give individual tours of the school. Please connect with the school staff and let them know how they can

journey with you through this important transitional stage.”

For younger students, it’s also time to begin enrollment for the 2022-2023 Little Norse and Little Knights Preschool programs.

Langebartels said children who will be either ages 3 or 4 by Aug. 1 are eligible to enroll.

Langebartels said children in the 4-year-old program will have access to special classes such as art, music and physical education.

Preschool tuition is around \$17 per day, but financial assistance is also available for qualifying families through the CCDF and On My Way

PreK programs.

Students will attend classes from Monday through Friday for either a half or full-day, and follow the regular MSD school year calendar.

For more information, visit www.msdlc.org or contact Southwood Elementary School Principal Phil Boone by phone at 260-563-8050 or by email boonepr@msdlc.k12.in.us; or Metro North Elementary Principal Janette Moore by phone at 260-563-8050 or by email at moorej@msdlc.k12.in.us.

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**Sweetwater Assembly of God**, 2551 SR 114 E, North Manchester. (260) 982-6179. Sunday worship 9am & 10:45am. Sunday evening outreach groups & youth ministry 5-7pm. Wednesday 6:30pm adult/teen bible study, 6:30pm Kidz Zone (K thru 6th grade). All worship services streaming online and on our Facebook page.

## BAPTIST

**Southside Free Will Baptist**, 360 Columbus Street. Pastor Tim Webb. Sunday School 10am. Worship Service 11am. Sunday Evening 6pm. Wednesday Evening 6pm. Sunday worship services streaming online

**Wabash Free Will Baptist Church**, 1056 Erie Street. Wednesday evening prayer meeting 6pm. Sunday School 10am, Church 11am; evening service 6pm.

## CATHOLIC

**St. Bernard Catholic Church**, corner of Cass & Sinclair. Father Levi Nkwocha. Masses: Saturday 5:30 p.m. and Sunday 9:30 a.m.; Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 5:30 p.m. and Tuesday and Thursday at 8:15 a.m.

**St. Patrick's Catholic Church**, Main Street in Lagro Mass Time: 11 a.m. First Sunday of the month throughout the year except January and February. Let us worship together.

## CHRISTIAN CHURCH

**Christian Heritage Church**, 2776 River Road. (260) 569-7710. Pastor Tim Prater. Sunday 8:30am. Radio Ministry 95.9 WKUZ. Sunday School 9:30am. Morning Service 10:30am. Sunday evening 6pm. Wednesday evening 6pm. Online services on Sunday at 10:30 am and Wednesday 6:00 pm

**LaFontaine Christian Church**, 202 Bruner Pike, LaFontaine  
Minister Brad Wright. (765) 981-2101. Worship 9am & 10:30am, Nursery & Jr. Church available. Online Services available on our website

## CHURCH OF CHRIST

**Church of Christ**, Wabash (corner of N Wabash Street and US 24). Evangelist Josh Fennell (260) 563-8234. Sunday School 9am. Morning Worship 10am. Evening Worship 6:30pm. Wednesday Service 7pm. Wednesday Kid's Jam 7pm.

## CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN

**Wabash Church of the Brethren**, 645 Bond Street (off Falls Avenue). Pastor Doug Veal. (260) 563-5291. Wherever you are on life's journey, come join us as we continue the work of Jesus...Peacefully, Simply, Together. Sunday School 9:30am. Worship 10:30am. Children's church and nursery available during worship. Online Service through website or conference call.

## DISCIPLES OF CHRIST

**Wabash Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)**, 110 W. Hill St., Wabash; Stephen Eberhard, Minister; phone: 260-563-4179; website: www.wabashchristian.org. Worship Service 9:30 a.m. Nursery provided. Find us on YouTube and Facebook.

## FRIENDS CHURCH

**Wabash Friends Church**, 3563 S State Rd 13. (260) 563-8452. Lead Pastor, Brandon Eaton. Join us for in-person worship at 8:30AM or 10:45AM, or via live-stream on Facebook at 10:45AM. Children's programming available infants - 6th grade. Sunday school for all ages at 9:45AM. Youth (7th-12th) Sunday evenings at 6:30PM.

## INDEPENDENT CHRISTIAN CHURCH

**Bachelor Creek Church of Christ**, 4 miles north of Wabash on St. Rd. 15; phone 260-563-4109; website: bachelorcreek.com; Worship Minister - Michael Eaton, Student Minister - David Diener, Children's Minister - Tyler Leland, Middle School & Small Groups Minister - Nate Plyler, Next Steps & Outreach Minister - Ryan Keim, Women's Director- Taylor McFarland, Early Childhood Director - Janet Legesse. Worship 9:15 a.m. & 10:45 a.m.

## LUTHERAN

**Living Faith Lutheran Church (NALC)**, 242 S. Huntington St., Wabash, IN. Worship begins each Sunday morning at 10:10 a.m. with Bible study classes for all ages at 9:00 a.m. Everyone is welcome to join us for worship. Worship Services live streamed on our website. www.LivingFaithWabash.org

**Trinity Lutheran Church (ELCA)**, 1500 S Wabash Street. Pastor Dr. Kent Young. (260) 563-6626. We worship our Lord each Sunday at 9:30am with Gospel-based message and Holy Communion. There is a time of fellowship and refreshments immediately following the service. We are handicap accessible and everyone is welcome at Trinity! tlcwabash@gmail.com.

## UNITED METHODIST

**North Manchester United Methodist Church**, 306 E Second Street, North Manchester. Pastor Steve Bahrt. (260) 982-7537. Worship Service 8:15am & 10:30am. Coffee Fellowship 9am. Sunday School 9:30am.

**Richvalley United Methodist Church**, 290 N Jefferson. (260) 563-1033. Pastor Jack Suits. Worship service begins at 9:30am. Nursery available. Sunday School begins at 10:45am for all age.



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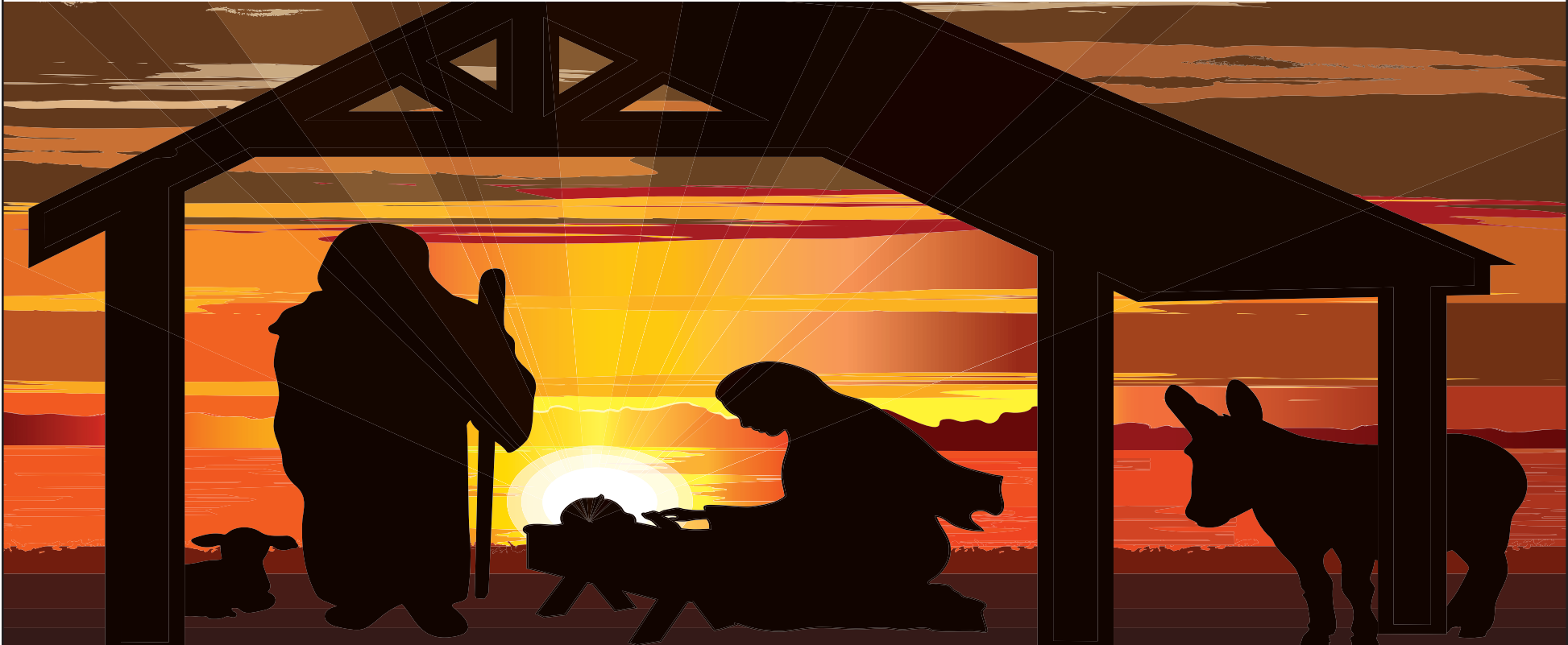
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# Boyfriend’s ‘chatty’ habit makes girlfriend jealous

**DEAR ABBY:** I’ve been going out with this guy for a couple of months. The problem is, he has to ALWAYS talk to every woman he sees – from a two-second conversation to a several-minute conversation. He doesn’t even know 99 percent of them.

When we go to a store, I feel like I’m invisible. He’ll walk away from me and start talking to women. I don’t trust him completely because sometimes he flirts or says something that could be taken in a sexual way, and I worry that one of these women could take it like he’s interested in her.

I don’t want to break up with him. I love him. But I feel I have reason to be jealous. I wish I was the only girl for him. Please give me advice. – Not Number One In Pennsylvania

**DEAR NOT NUMBER ONE:** If you have discussed this with him and it persists, listen to your intuition. If he loved you, he would not be chatting up other women. If a man makes you feel like you are not No. 1, get rid of him before he destroys your self-esteem.

**DEAR ABBY:** We have a neighbor who likes to go out with us to the casinos, restaurants and various other places. This is doing her a favor, but she never contributes toward the transportation. When we go out with other couples, we alternate driving or help to pay for fuel. All we get from her is, “Thank you. Let me know when you’re going next time.”

I know she reads your column. I hope she reads this and realizes this sounds like her and takes the hint. What do you think is the best way to handle this situation? – Always The Taxi

**DEAR ALWAYS:** Your friend may be an avid “Dear Abby” reader, but what if – heaven forbid – she misses the column today and doesn’t see your letter? The “best” way to handle this would be for you to take the bull by the horns and address the problem directly with her.

**DEAR ABBY:** My 4-year-old grandson, “Johnny,” is obsessed with all things military. Everything he picks up is a pretend gun, sword or blaster. I know we played cowboys and Indians as kids, pointing sticks or our hands and shouting “Pow! You’re dead!” and none of us turned into shooters. But today’s climate is more violent. Johnny has already gotten into trouble at preschool for pointing and making shooting noises. Is there anything we can do to discourage this behavior? Does he need professional help? – Unclear In California

**DEAR UNCLEAR:** Because Johnny has gotten into trouble for pretending to play with guns, his parents should explain to him why it is not OK to do that at school. Unless there is something going on with your grandson that you omitted from your letter, he should not need professional intervention for acting like a normal boy.

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## CROSSWORD

### ACROSS

- 1 Pharmacist’s weight
- 5 Fortify
- 8 Potpie ingredients
- 12 Arizona city
- 13 Eastern philosophy
- 14 Phone, slangily
- 15 TV statuette
- 16 Mount Vernon state
- 18 Tigger’s pal
- 20 Get the picture
- 21 Mattress problem
- 22 Frayed
- 25 “Just as I thought!”
- 28 Sizzle
- 29 “Blue Tail Fly” singer
- 33 Aromatic resin
- 35 Pasternak heroine
- 36 Ticklish Muppet
- 37 Bad-mouth
- 39 Wild duck
- 40 Health resorts
- 42 Cut timber

- 43 Egyptian monument
- 46 “Uh-huh” cousin
- 50 Part of speech
- 53 Stamp
- 56 Lepton locale
- 58 Poetic twilights
- 59 — peeve
- 60 Fill the hull
- 61 Mine find
- 62 PC abandon key
- 63 Polite cough

### DOWN

- 1 Use henna
- 2 Type of roast
- 3 Arsenal supply
- 4 Town official
- 5 Off-road vehicle
- 6 Pay hikes
- 7 Gourmet mushrooms
- 8 Upsilon follower
- 9 Many centuries
- 10 Soprano’s piece

### Answer to Previous Puzzle

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SARI	COSH	ALT
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COM	DIN	SETS
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BARCELONA	IDA	
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## SUDOKU

DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★★★★

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PREVIOUS SOLUTION									
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6	3	7	1	5	4	8	2	9	
4	9	1	5	3	7	2	8	6	
5	8	6	2	1	9	3	7	4	
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How to play: Complete the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9.

## JUMBLE

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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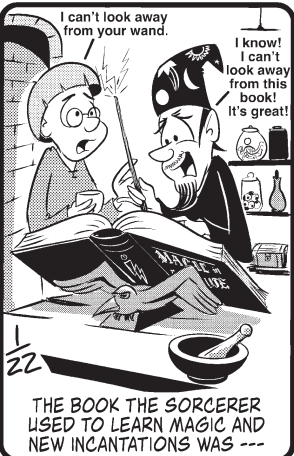
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### THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

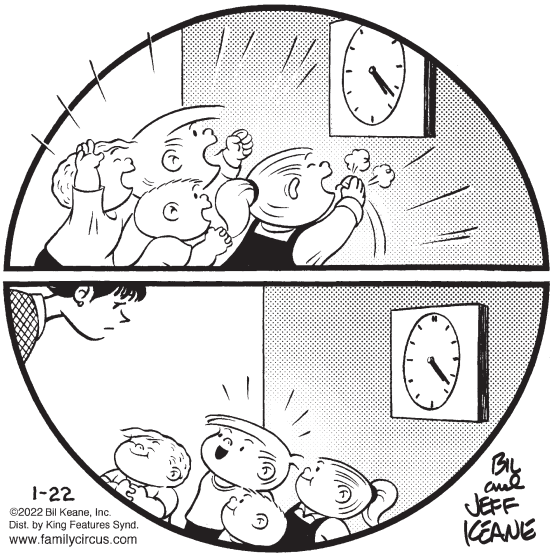


Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

(Answers Monday)  
Yesterday's Jumbles: FRAUD TRACT PARLOR AUTHOR  
Answer: Her sombrero blew off onto the beach but was picked up — AT THE DROP OF A HAT

### THE FAMILY CIRCUS

By Bil Keane



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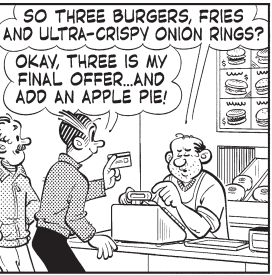
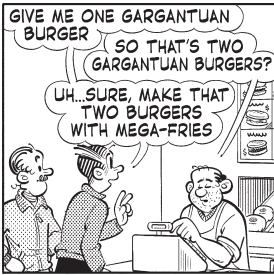
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“The big hand caught the little hand.”

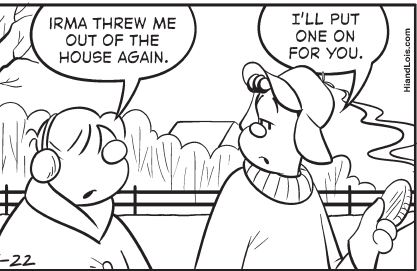
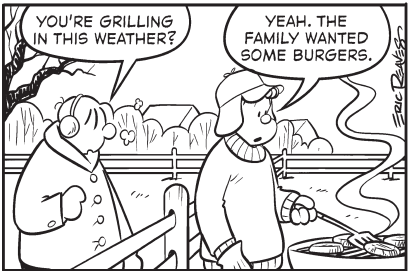
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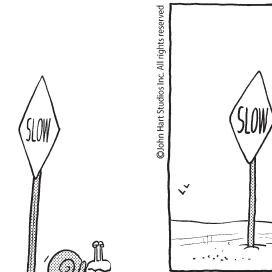
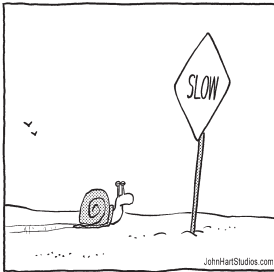
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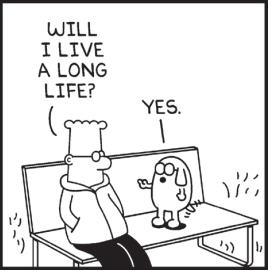
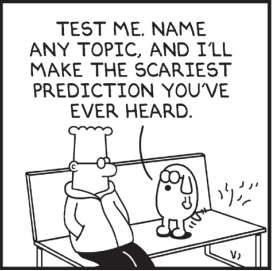
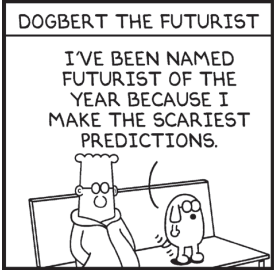
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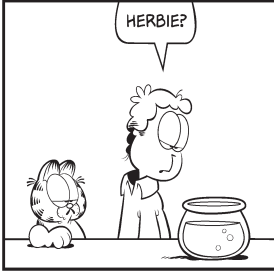
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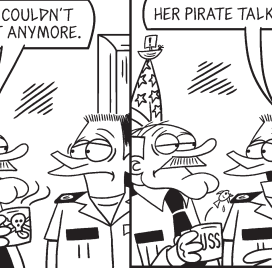
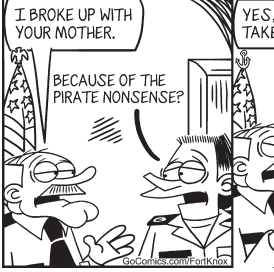
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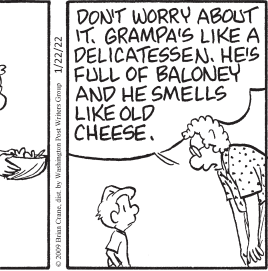
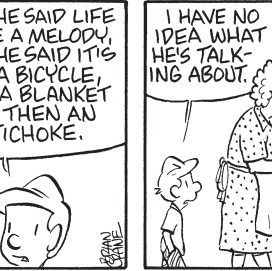
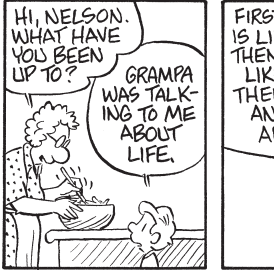
## GARFIELD



## FORT KNOX



## PICKLES



## Children need to understand that Jesus is not a ‘fictional’ character

**Q:** I’ve always allowed my kids to read fantasy stories and watch cartoons, but I tell them it’s just pretend.

Recently my 10-year-old son told me that he couldn’t believe in Jesus because he was just another superhero. This has frightened me. — C.P.

**A:** One definition of a “superhero” is a “benevolent fictional character.” While Jesus Christ is certainly benevolent, He is not fictional. He is the One and only Son of God clothed in human flesh. His purpose was not to save people from a villain, but from sin.

Children need to understand that Jesus is not a “fictional” character, but alive and active in the world today. He lived on Earth and performed miracles that transformed

people’s lives — He didn’t come to entertain mankind. He is not a caped crusader — He is the crucified Christ. He is not make-believe — He is Master. He is not a legend — He is Lord. He isn’t created by fantasy — He is favored by God. He is not an icon — He is the Intercessor. He is not a force — He is the Forgiver. He is not imaginary — He is infallible. He does not vanish into exile — He redeems to the end. He is not a virtual winner — He is the Victor. He does not resemble hope — He

is the resurrection of hope. He is not a revolutionary — He is the Righteous Ruler. He is not a superhero who falters — He is the Savior who rescues. He is not a knight in hiding — He is the coming King.

While fantasy encourages creativity in children, it important to teach the truth of God. He gave us children so we could prepare them to become adults. Let’s remember to “train up a child in the way he should go” (Proverbs 22:6).

### CELEBRITY CIPHER

by Luis Campos  
Celebrity Cipher cryptograms are created from quotations by famous people, past and present. Each letter in the cipher stands for another.

“CELW WZKXBLVY WTT MBB YZT  
NEKBTVRT YZTA LK YZTWT LMAW. IXY  
YZT EVLXWYUA GXWY LKTWVY RMUT.”  
— BEVLM IBMEU

Previous Solution: “I can’t talk about my singing. I’m inside it. How can you describe something you’re inside of?” — Janis Joplin

TODAY’S CLUE: I sje nbe d



## Manchester has strong showing at Spartan Mat Classic

Spartans will be back in action at the Wabash Invitational on Saturday in Crawfordsville

By DILLON BENDER

For the first time in two years, the Manchester University wrestling program was able to host its annual Spartan Mat Classic wrestling tournament inside of Stauffer-Wolfe Arena on Saturday, Jan. 15.

With the tournament underway, the Black and Gold hit the mats for the first time in the New Year and turned in a solid day of wrestling.

Mark Roberts, from Greencastle, won his opening match of the day in the 133-pound weight class. Roberts pinned Serenity Thomas of the University of Toledo to begin the day (4:40). After dropping his next bout of the afternoon, Roberts went on to earn a 4-2 decision over Corner-



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Devontay Moore, from Indianapolis and North Cen-

tral High School, advanced to the winner's side of the 184-pound weight class bracket after earning a 7-5

decision in his opening bout over Wabash's Teo Palubinskas. After dropping his second matchup of the af-

ternoon, Moore rebounded with a 13-5 major decision victory over Defiance's Joey Perez. Moore then added a 16-1 tech fall triumph over Muskegon's Bronson Jewell. Moore posted a 3-2 mark on Saturday afternoon.

Josh Stephenson, from Yorktown, won his opening bout of the tournament in the 133-pound weight class, pinning Cleary's Keemondre Robinson (1:59). Garrett Deaton, from Danville, also earned a win on the day in the 197-pound weight class. Elijah Phillips, from Centerville, earned a 6-0 decision over Cleary's Ryan Weaver in the 149-pound weight class.

The Spartans placed 11th overall with a team score of 21.5 points.

Manchester University Wrestling is scheduled to be back in action next weekend at the Wabash Invitational in Crawfordsville.

Next week's tournament is slated to begin at 9 a.m. on Saturday, Jan. 22.

Dillon Bender is the sports information director for Manchester University.

## Spartans swim team earns dual meet victories in pool over Hanover

Manchester is back in action on Saturday at Bethel

By DILLON BENDER

Returning to the pool for the first time in the New Year, the Manchester University men's and women's swimming & diving teams both earned dual victories over the Hanover College Panthers inside of the Strauss-Peabody Aquatic Center on Saturday, Jan. 15.

The men topped Hanover College by an 86-58 final. The women defeated the Panthers by a final tally of 92-61. The Spartans won 15 events on the day.

New Manchester Top 10 marks included the following:

### Men

■ Spencer Harrison, from Tipton – 1000-yard freestyle – 11:49.95 – 4th all-time.

■ Jacob Stauffer, from Elkhart and Concord High School – 200-yard freestyle – 2:01.82 – 8th all-time.

■ Takoda Stone, from North Manchester and Manchester High School – 50-yard freestyle – t-4th all-time.

■ Parker York, from Humble, Texas – 100-yard breaststroke – 1:19.53 – 10th all-time.

### Women

■ Alexis Ferguson, from Franklin and Franklin Community High School – 200-yard IM – 2:50.24 – ninth

all-time.

■ Isabel Crouch-Mendoza, from Lafayette and Benton Central High School – 1-meter diving – 126.30 – fourth all-time.

■ Elaina Halferty, from Columbia City – 1-meter diving – 122.90 – fifth all-time.

■ 100-yard breaststroke – 1:46.01 – 10th all-time.

■ Eamin Lynch, from South Bend and Adams High School – 100-yard backstroke – 1:05.91 – third all-time.

■ Rachel Fedor, from Wingate and North Montgomery High School – 500-yard freestyle – 6:38.66 – 10th all-time.

Manchester is scheduled to be back in action when the Spartans are slated to compete at 1 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 22 at Bethel.

## Manchester's Lynch named HCAC Female Swimmer of Week

By DILLON BENDER

Manchester University first-year swimmer Eamin Lynch has been named the Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference (HCAC) Female Swimmer of the Week, the league announced on Tuesday, Jan. 18.

Lynch, from South Bend and Adams High School, has been one of MU's top swimmers this season and helped the Spartans to a 92-61 dual meet victory over Hanover on Saturday, Jan. 15.

Lynch won three events in the meet against the Panthers. She won the 200-yard IM with a time of 2:36.07, while also leading the 100-yard backstroke field with a final time of 1:05.91.

Lynch's time in the 100-yard backstroke is the third-best all-time at Manchester. Lynch was also a part of the winning 400-yard medley relay team (5:07.62).

Lynch becomes the first Spartan swimmer in program history to garner a conference swimmer of the week award. She also is just the second Manchester women's swimming and diving athlete to be recognized as a conference athlete of the week. Ally Roskos was a two-time Ohio Athletic Conference (OAC) Diver of the Week, winning her second honor back on Dec. 5, 2016.

The Spartans are scheduled to return to the pool at Bethel at 1 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 22.



Provided photo

Eamin Lynch, from South Bend and Adams High School, has been one of MU's top swimmers this season and helped the Spartans to a 92-61 dual meet victory over Hanover on Saturday, Jan. 15.

## Manchester's Mohr named HCAC Female Field Athlete of Week

By DILLON BENDER

Manchester University senior thrower Erica Mohr has been named the Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference (HCAC) Female Field Athlete of the Week, the league announced on Tuesday, Jan. 18.

Mohr, from Payne, Ohio, and Wayne Trace High School, got off to a strong start to her season on Friday, Jan. 14 at Rose-Hulman, winning the women's weight throw with a leading mark of

15.16m (49' 9"). Her mark in the season opener improved upon a previous career-best and moved her up to third all-time on the Manchester Top 10 listings.

Mohr also added a sixth-place finish in the shot put, posting a final mark of 10.14m (33' 3 1/4").

The Spartans returned to action at the Larry Cole Invite at Ohio Northern on Friday, Jan. 21.

Dillon Bender is the sports information director for Manchester University.



Provided photo

On Jan. 14, Erica Mohr won the women's weight throw with a leading mark of 15.16m (49' 9").

## Indiana beats No. 4 Purdue 68-65

BLOOMINGTON (AP) — Rob Phinisee spent four seasons waiting for a moment like the one he celebrated Thursday night.

It even took him two chances to cash in.

The junior guard scored 17 points in the first half and then closed out a career-high 20-point game by making the go-ahead 3-pointer with 16.5 seconds left to send Indiana past No. 4 Purdue 68-65 for Phinisee's first win over his hometown school.

Phinisee was sensational on a night when the Hoosiers (14-4, 5-3 Big Ten) desperately needed him. He made his first six shots, his first three 3s, had four steals and had a season-high point total – all in the first half.

With All-American candidate Trayce Jackson-Davis limited to just 11 minutes total because of foul trouble, Indiana relied heavily on its perimeter players. Xavier Johnson added 18 points, Trey Galloway scored eight

and harassed Purdue guard Jaden Ivey on defense, and Phinisee played his best overall game all season.

As a result, the Hoosiers snapped a nine-game losing streak against their biggest rival, and thousands of screaming fans stormed the court when Ivey's 3-pointer to force overtime rolled out as the buzzer sounded.

The Boilermakers (15-3, 4-3) lost for the first time in their last six trips to Assembly Hall.

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